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## **TEXARKANA MAN GUILTY OF FEDERAL GUN CHARGES**

(Texarkana, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced a 46-year-old Texarkana, Texas man has been convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm in the Eastern District of Texas. **CHARLES L. MALONE** was found guilty late this afternoon by a jury following a one-day trial.

U.S. Attorney Orwig was pleased with the jury's verdict, "This defendant is a habitual offender with no intentions of living a law-abiding life. These law enforcement officers went into a dangerous situation and the streets of Texarkana are a safer place due to their actions."

According to information presented in court, on April 28, 2004, officers with the Texarkana, Texas, Police Department and the Texarkana, Arkansas, Police Department executed a search warrant at Malone's Texas residence. Malone locked himself in the bathroom of the residence when police arrived. Malone then struggled with officers when they forced their way into the bathroom. During the struggle, a handgun fell from Malone's possession and was recovered by officers.

Malone has seven prior felony convictions, including two for burglary, three for drug offenses, one for resisting arrest, and another for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Because of his prior felony convictions, Malone is considered to be an armed career offender and prohibited from possessing a firearm. He faces up to life in prison when sentenced. A

sentencing date has not been set.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Texarkana, Texas, Police Department and the Texarkana, Arkansas, Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry Bryant.

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